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1. South Vietnam

Seven of the ten civilian presidential candidates have proclaimed a suspension of their joint campaign appearances until they get a satisfactory government reply to their complaints of early this week.

These candidates evidently think the current fuss is getting them better publicity than the planned campaign tours. A moderate government response, however, might still send them back to the campaign.

2. Communist China

There are now reports of violence in still other areas of China, along with additional evidence that troops are actively involved in many of the disturbances.

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[REDACTED] Bloody clashes involving regular army troops are said to be going on in several important industrial cities in the northeast.

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3. France

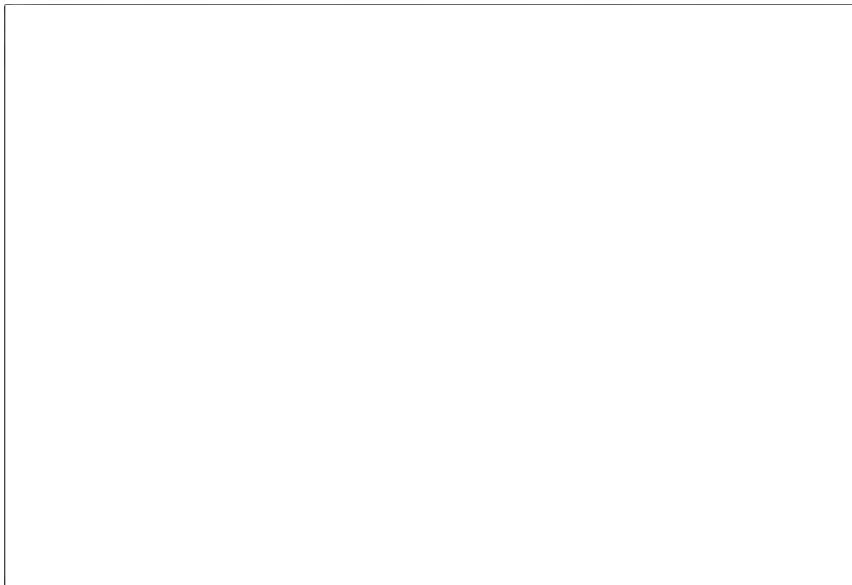
De Gaulle's televised speech yesterday stressed his determination to achieve independence of action for France, "foreign influences" or domestic pressures notwithstanding. He also tried to draw attention away from unpopular social and economic reforms. Despite criticism of these reforms and his recent handling of foreign affairs, a late poll shows 55 percent of the French people still support him.

4. Nigeria

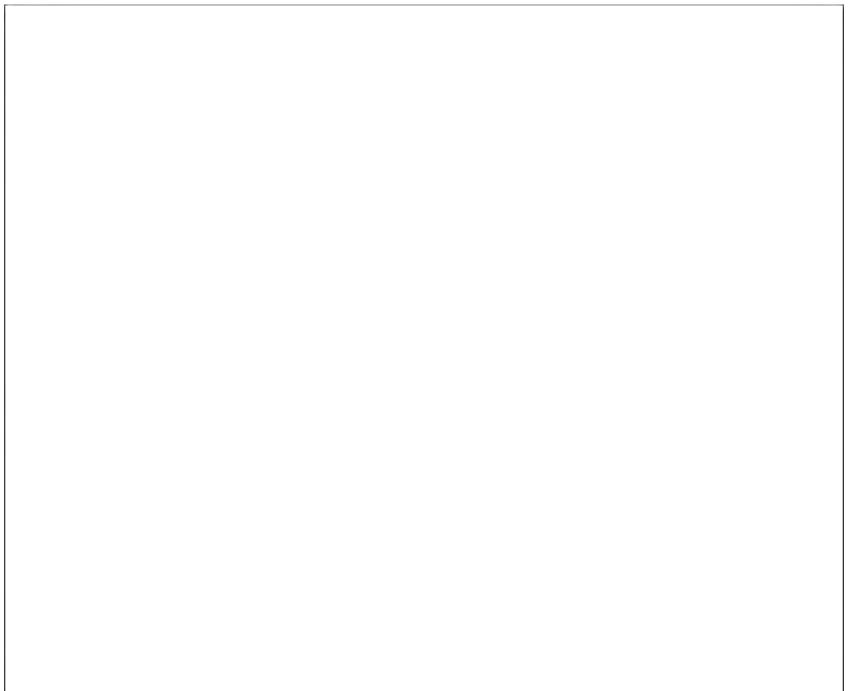
The Biafrans and their local allies appear to be in complete control of the Mid-Western state. The Biafran forces may have crossed into the Western state, but it is unclear how far they intend to go, or can go. Seizure of the Mid-West, however, has given Ojukwu not only the initiative in the war, but control of important oil fields and installations in the state.

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5. Ghana



6. Bahamas



7. Cuba

Castro's three-hour speech last night, closing the Latin American Solidarity Organization conference, contained no surprises. Aside from the usual anti-US diatribes, there was special praise for Stokely Carmichael and predictions of "revolution" in the US.

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